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IDF bracing for clashes with PA fighters

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF is bracing for possible skirmishes with Palestinian Authority fighters if there is further deterioration in the political situation. Operational plans are being readied, as is special training for regular and reserve units, including the Border Police, military sources said yesterday.

The sources warned of an outbreak of guerrilla warfare and an escalation in the use of weapons in the territories if the current stalemate in the peace process continues and mistrust between Israelis and Palestinians increases. The present situation has led the PA to legitimize terrorist activities, the sources said, a fact

which officials say must lead to violent confrontations between the two sides. Military officials claim the Palestinians have also beefed up their security forces and are maintaining a state of alert, fearing that Israeli security forces may enter areas under Palestinian control. In recent public statements, PA

Chairman Yasser Arafat has warned his people of a "prolonged struggle" against Israel. The Palestinians believe that Israel's government is not interested in resuming the peace process and is doing everything possible to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state. This kind of thinking can only lead to a renewal of low-key violence and

rioting that may prevail for a long period of time, but will not lead to large-scale military confrontation, a source said. Since the suicide bombing in the capital's Rehov Ben-Yehuda mall on September 4, security forces have arrested 250 Palestinians, who they say are not directly connected to the attack but are suspected of

belonging to terrorist organizations. Meanwhile, the IDF has lifted the internal closure imposed on the West Bank that prevented Palestinians from travelling among towns under their control. However, the general closure preventing Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza from enter-

ing Israel is still in effect. The security situation will not be made easier by the opening of the academic year in the territories, when 36,000 Palestinian students will attend universities and colleges. Military sources said escorts for Jewish schoolchildren in the territories will be beefed up as a result.

Army: Syria preparing for partial Golan retake

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

Syria has stepped up its preparations for a surprise attack on Israel, even though it would prefer a political settlement that would get it the Golan Heights, a senior intelligence officer told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday. Damascus has plans to try to recapture part of the heights, he said, and to use this to force Israel's hands in negotiations. The Syrian interest in this option is growing, he said.

The Syrians view the US as the most effective broker of a peace solution, the officer said. But they will not agree to renew the talks with Israel until they have a promise Israel will return to the pre-June 1967 borders. Syria continues to enjoy a promise of Iranian support if attacked, the officer said. But Iran, he said, is no less fanatical under the new regime and still poses the greatest threat to the region. The Russians are "massively" involved in producing non-conventional warheads for Iran, and US intervention has failed to stop them. "We could see a prototype ready within a year or a year-and-a-half - ahead of earlier predictions," he said. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who also briefed the committee, said he is in favor of renewing talks with Damascus. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the Syrian capital had "yielded partial results," he said. "At present it is an indirect process," Mordechai said, adding he would like to see direct talks. "It is not by coincidence that Albright went to Lebanon [yesterday]," Mordechai continued. The recent IDF fatalities in Lebanon were a result of "very unfortunate coincidences" rather than a change in Hizbullah tactics, he said. Nevertheless, it could not be ruled out that these incidents would encourage Hizbullah to lay more mines. See SYRIA, Page 2

PM raps Ras al-Amud move

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and BAT SHEVA TSUR

Despite an outright condemnation of their action by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, it appears there is little the government can legally do to evict those Jewish families who have moved into the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Ras al-Amud. "We believe that what is happening right now in Ras al-Amud is not good for Jerusalem, is not good for the State of Israel," Netanyahu said yesterday. "We understand there is such a thing as property rights, and we respect it. But nevertheless, we think on sensitive issues we should be the ones who are making the decisions, and not maneuvered into them."

PA condemns Ras al-Amud 'provocation,' Page 2

"And we will do what we think is right. We will act within the law, in whatever the law allows us, to steer events according to our view on how Jerusalem should be developed." But after a day of consultation with legal and security advisers, it appears that though the government may be able to block the construction of any new building - by invoking national security or the preservation of public order - there seems to be little it can do to prevent the renting of the property to Jewish tenants. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said the government's hands were tied by legal restraints, and nothing could have been done to stop the settlers from moving in. "I knew about their attempt to enter," he told Channel 1. "We examined it from a legal aspect, if they own the house, if there was a possibility to stop it... and the decision was that this is a process that cannot be stopped." Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein told reporters that it is in the hands of the police and other security forces to decide



Irving Moskowitz (AP)

whether the families can remain. "The police and other security forces will examine the evidence and decide whether it is justified," he said. "Legal opinions are given only after that." Rubinstein said that the interior minister has the authority - just as the district planning committee has - to decide on the future of the plan, on grounds of public safety, "but only after holding a hearing. We're waiting for all the facts now, and then a decision will be made, if necessary." Police stepped up security in the neighborhood, amid fears of another outbreak of violence. After a quiet afternoon, Palestinians threw stones at police and security forces surrounding the controversial building. A senior government official noted that Netanyahu was particularly displeased with the timing of the move, coming just two days after US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had left the country. Nevertheless, there seems little the government can do. "We are limited by private property rights," Netanyahu told a visiting Israel Bonds delegation. "Once people enter an existing home, the government - under the advice we've been given - apparently cannot interfere." There was much reaction to the move from both sides of the political aisle, with many calling it a "dangerous provocation" that can only lead to more violence. "Jews can settle anywhere, [but] it has to be done by agreement, and not now," said MK Yael Dayan (Labor), who arrived at the site yesterday to demonstrate, along with 40 members of Peace Now, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, and Faisal Hussein, Palestinian Authority minister of Jerusalem affairs.



Border policemen stand guard in Ras al-Amud yesterday. (AP)

Dayan was supported in her view by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense

Committee that Ras al-Amud "could be the catalyst for further violence in the capital. Steps have to be taken to prevent an outbreak

of such events. It could lead to a conflagration." See PM, Page 2

'Cabinet knew of plan'

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The possibility of Jews moving into Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood came up at an emergency cabinet meeting on September 5, the day after the suicide bombings on the capital's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall. Sources say National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon assumed that Jews would move into Ras al-Amud as a punishment to Palestinians who support terrorism. The sources said Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told his cabinet colleagues that he knew of two buildings in Ras al-Amud which were earmarked for entry by Jews. The premises are owned by American businessman Irving Moskowitz. When asked about this cabinet sequence, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "total nonsense." However, a day before the families entered the buildings, the sources said, Netanyahu advised the Interior Ministry not to demolish four illegally built homes in the Sawhra area near Jebel Mukaber. The sources said the premier's request was aimed to create the impression that Jews were being allowed to take up residence in an all-Arab neighborhood, while destroying Arab homes elsewhere in the city. Netanyahu also was said to have requested that the Interior Ministry appeals committee which was considering the Ras al-Amud issue postpone its meeting from Thursday to Sunday, so its decision would not be announced while Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was in the country.

Assembly plan meets Welsh suspicion

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Wales. - The stone gateway to Merthyr Tydfil reads "Croeso" - "welcome" in Welsh - but to an English visitor it is hard to understand why. Spurning their native tongue, many Merthyr Tydfil folk are suspicious and resentful of the Welsh speakers, who live mostly in mountainous north Wales. This antipathy is undermining the British Labor government's plans to introduce a political assembly to represent Wales, based in Cardiff. A referendum on whether to establish the parliament will be held on Thursday and while opinion polls suggest the vote could go

either way, many in south Wales are firmly opposed to the idea. Scotland voted last week in favor of a government plan to set up a parliament in Edinburgh. "We will end up ruined by those Welsh speakers," says 71-year-old Jean Morgan, who lives in Merthyr Tydfil, once the iron capital of the world in the populous South Wales valleys. Another shopper in the town some 32 km north of Cardiff agrees. "I'm afraid [the assembly] would encourage nationalism and too much nationalism always produces violence," says Elizabeth Hardy. "Wales is divided enough already, this will only make it worse," adds another. The Welsh divide is indeed immense. While the busy, cosmopolitan capital Cardiff and surrounding areas are thriving, parts of rural north Wales are riddled with unemployment and poverty. The northern Welsh speakers say

their southern compatriots have lost their national identity and refer to them derisively as the "Wenglish." The gulf is as much geographic as anything. It takes almost five hours by winding road to travel from Cardiff to Llandudno, about 200 km away as the crow flies, in the north. There are no direct rail services between the two towns. Daron Hill, running a campaign to win a "Yes" vote for Wales, believes these divisions will be overcome on the day of the referendum. The assembly's 60 members would be elected by a form of proportional representation and Welsh speakers would be unlikely to dominate it because they are in a minority of about one in five, Hill points out. Nevertheless Welsh speakers have been highly successful in their campaign to revive the language, once banned by the English, and it is because of this that all road signs and official material are in both

Welsh and English. Hill believes there has been a huge change in attitudes in Wales since 1979, when the country voted four-to-one against plans for a Welsh parliament, and that this time there will be a resounding "yes" vote. Hill attributes the change of heart to the 18 years of Conservative rule which have filled the intervening years, a period during which government became increasingly centralized in London. The "no" campaigners say devotion would be a disaster for Wales. "Britain has been a very successful place for the Welsh," says Tim Williams, the campaign's ebullient front man. "Wales has been a part of Britain since the 13th century. We Welsh think of ourselves as British." Not only would devolution divide Wales between north and south and Welsh and non-Welsh speakers, but it could also lead inexorably to independence, which would be a financial disaster, says Williams. (Reuters)

PA arrests 4 in 'plot to kill Arafat'

By STEVE RODAN

Four Palestinians from the Hebron area have been arrested as suspects in what a Palestinian Police official said yesterday was a plot to kill Yasser Arafat organized by Abu Nidal. "We have four people in detention whom we suspect might be connected to a plot to kill President Arafat," Hebron police chief Col. Tarek Zaid said last night. "We will be continuing our investigation and we hope to have more information soon." Human rights activists confirmed the arrests, but cast doubt whether the charges were authentic. Senior Palestinian Authority security sources said they did not know of hard information of an Abu Nidal plot to kill Arafat, and one of them said the story could be an attempt to garner sympathy for the Palestinian leader. Palestinian sources in Hebron said the men were arrested in their homes at the Arrouf refugee camp on Sunday and are being held at the PA Police station in Dahariya. The men were identified as Subhi Jabari, Wa'al and Mahmood

Awaad, and Bassem Banat. A fifth man is being sought. Palestinian Police sources said the suspects received \$40,000 from the Abu Nidal organization to carry out the assassination. They said the suspects were arrested before they were to leave for Jordan.

Hamas showing discontent over recent arrests, Page 4

The sources said Abu Nidal was involved in the assassination of several PLO figures, including Sabri Khalaf (Abu Iyad) in the early 1990s. Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub denied that there have been arrests in connection with a plot to kill Arafat. "This is untrue," he said. A policeman in the Dahariya station said he did not know any such suspects were being held in the building. Arafat's wife, Suha, however, confirmed there have been plots to kill her husband. "After [Yitzhak

Rabin died, I wonder who will be the next widow of the Middle East and who will the finger be pointed at," she told CNN. Bassam Eid, director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, said the arrests sounded similar to the detention of Sarih Hussein Mahamid in April 1995. Mahamid was arrested immediately after entering the West Bank via the Allenby Bridge and was accused of plotting to kill Arafat, as well as Rabin, Ariel Sharon, and Rabbi Moshe Levinger. In a letter sent to then-PA justice minister Freih Abu Medein in March 1997 from Jericho prison, Mahamid wrote: "The interrogators swore to me that I am not the one they want, but that there is a conspiracy to kill President Arafat and they want me to testify against them, even though I don't know any of them. They said they don't need many details and that one accusation is enough. If I would testify against them then President Arafat will forgive me." Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.



A fertile peace that's good for business

Can Jordan's cheap labor, natural resources and access to Arab countries be integrated with Israel's know-how and Western market mentality? Jennifer Friedlin accompanied a group of Israelis across the border to find out.

Long before Israel and Jordan signed a peace agreement, Refaat Zahran knew the value of Israeli produce. Years ago, the Jordanian farmer and industrialist managed to smuggle two Israeli grape stems over to his farm near Amman. From them he developed healthy, fruit-bearing vines.

Sitting outside his farmhouse recently, serving the plump green grapes to a handful of visiting Israeli farmers, Zahran said he longs for more than just a couple of vines.

Like many Jordanian businesspeople, he is hoping that a fertile peace between the two neighboring countries will help cultivate increased bilateral business agreements, joint ventures and trade.

"It's time our countries started to work together to build peace and business," said Zahran. The 24-year-old, heir to his father's industrial conglomerate, was one of several Jordanian industrialists to host the Israelis during a recent trip across the border.

The trip was organized by Zvi Shorer, a Beit She'an-based businessman and founder of Lahav She'an, an organization that works to promote peace with Jordan by encouraging and developing joint academic and business projects. The Jordanian and Israeli delegates were meeting to discuss the possibility of integrating Jordan's cheap labor, natural resources and access to the Arab countries with Israel's know-how and Western market mentality.

"It's a natural combination," said Shorer, whose organization receives financial backing from US and European individuals and institutions.

At least 10 Israeli textile companies, including Delta Galil Industries and Castro, have already set up shop in Jordan, where labor costs about \$150 per month per worker, compared to nearly \$1,000 in Israel. Now smaller, independent businessmen and farmers are looking to see what opportunities lie across the river.

Squatting and rubbing Zahran's soil through his farm-worn fingers, Johanan Maoz, general manager of

Valley Farmers Center in Migdal Ha'emek, said he was impressed by the potential the Jordanian's land offers. Not only does Zahran have 500 dunams of undeveloped land, he also has water, scarce and expensive in Israel. It courses under the soil and is fully controlled by the Zahran family.

"The land looks good," said Maoz, as he packed up arid soil and water samples to take back to Israel for quality checks.

Jordan's cheaper resources and access to the Arab world could be a boon for the troubled Israeli agriculture industry. And the knowledge of people like Maoz, a specialist in herb growing, could enable Zahran to grow high-quality foods for export.

"It could take us 100 years to get to the technological stage the Israelis are at," said Zahran.

"By finding Israeli partners, we can reduce this time."

Other Jordanians, like Isaa Matalaka, would then be interested in transporting the goods between Jordan, Israel and the Arab countries. Already, Matalaka says, his trucks are entering Israel, picking up goods in Haifa and bringing them back across the border before setting out for other Arab states. Several Arab countries already import Israeli high-tech and pharmaceutical products via Jordanian channels.

Since Jordan's industrialists tend to have a wide range of holdings, one business connection can sprout into a number of ventures. Take Matalaka: For him, transporting goods across the Sheikh Hussein passageway is just one aspect of the relationship he hopes to develop with Israel. He is also interested in a joint venture with an Israeli

fruit-juice and concentrate manufacturer.

"We're looking for an Israeli partner with expertise," he says, "and in exchange, they will own a stake in the company and produce juices under their own name." Such an arrangement, he adds, is not only a good business proposition, but an auspicious opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

"We've been fighting with each other for the last 50 years," Matalaka says. "Now it's time to contribute what we can and make peace."

Peace via economic integration has always underscored discussions on how to create harmony in the Middle East. During the Lahav She'an group's day-long visit to Jordan, the theme emerged with regularity. Talking to each other like members of a family who have reached the conclusion that, like it or not, their futures are inextricably linked, the Jordanians and Israelis tried to steer clear of politics and evaluate the positive things their former enemies now have to offer.

Yet much as people on both sides would like to combine Israel's intellectual property with Jordan's physical assets, political problems and psychological barriers still threaten the blossoming relationship.

Jordanian red tape is frustrating at best and insufferable at worst, dissuading some Israeli entrepreneurs from entering the market. Border delays, for example, have caused shipments of produce to rot. And farmers in Israel fear that cheaper, Jordanian-grown produce will compete with Israeli goods on local supermarket shelves. They also worry that they will lose con-

trol over their know-how.

During one of the Lahav She'an meetings, a Jordanian businessman began talking about some Israeli onions he had received through back channels via the West Bank. As it turned out, one of the Israeli delegates, farmer Jeremy Haham, had developed the high-tech onion, which is used to spawn crops. Realizing what had happened, the Jordanian promptly offered Haham 1,000 dunams to grow his onions — plus all the profits for the first year.

Haham was caught in a bind. While such a deal would help him exercise control over his know-how in the future, Haham, who speaks fluent Arabic, admits that his uncertainty about the Jordanians' motives taints his attitude toward working with them.

"This is the Negev the way it was 50 years ago," he said. "If he gives me the desert, why should I develop it for him?"

For many people the answer is clear: Money.

"If it's not Yankel farming in Jordan today, it'll be Moshe doing it in two weeks," said Zvi Avner, agricultural research and development manager from the Beit She'an Valley Regional Council.

And so, despite the bureaucratic difficulties and geopolitical fears, Israel's Yankels and Moshes are developing business ties with Jordanians. Entrepreneurs like Omiel Schmeller, general manager of Congro, feel that the combination of Jordan's resources and proximity and Israel's know-how means sure-fire success.

"This could be the Middle East's Silicon Valley — and not just in high-tech," said Schmeller, who operates trade offices in Jordan and participates in joint ventures in infrastructure. "I don't think either side is doing enough to exploit this potential."

Foreign corporations are also sitting up and taking notice of the regional potential. Nissho Iwai, Japan's sixth largest conglomerate and the 13th biggest worldwide, will begin conducting feasibility studies for a railway line running from the Israeli side of the Dead



Natural partners: A friendly handclasp between farmers Jeremy Haham (left) and Refaat Zahran.

Israeli companies like Delta and Castro have already set up shop across the river. Now smaller businesses and farmers are on the lookout for opportunities.

A museum & a mission — to open minds

The Jewish Museum in Bratislava, Slovakia, has a simple mission, a museum worker says: "To give the idea that this other religion exists." For many Slovaks, museums may be the most accessible means to learning about Judaism. There once were 100,000 Jews in Slovakia. Today, the nation of 5 million people has just 3,000 Jews.

Still, intolerance of Jews lives on.

The museum, opened in 1990 as part of the Slovak state museum, allows schoolchildren and others a glimpse of ritual objects, photos and letters documenting the World War II deportation of Slovak Jews.

It's a small step toward tackling prejudice. Jews across Eastern Europe hope that if they can get some moral support from their governments and reach out to the young, they can cut the strand of antisemitism that runs from generation to generation. The problem of antisemitism reaches far beyond Eastern Europe. Here stereotypes are broader, including an affinity for communism dating back to the birth of the ideology in the 19th century. The stereotype of the Jewish commissar is added to the older view of crafty, inscrutable Jews wearing caftans and jabbering in incomprehensible Yiddish.

Jews across Eastern Europe are reaching out to the young in an attempt to cut the strand of antisemitism that runs from generation to generation

Many Holocaust survivors who remained in Eastern Europe after the war felt they would be protected best by those who fought the fascists: the communists. They joined communist parties in great numbers — but failed to find safety.

Across the region, Communist Party leaders tightened their grip on power through purges that had perceived enemies face charges of sabotage or treason in widely publicized, rigged trials. Jews — seen by communists and nationalists alike as alien — became a handy target for attack.

In Poland, the antisemitic campaign of 1968 forced 25,000 Jews to emigrate. Still, the topic of antisemitism was considered taboo under the ideals of communist society. Then the collapse of communism in 1989-90 freed media from censorship. Criticism of Jews, ranging from subtle to outspoken, once

again entered political debates and polite conversation alongside anti-communist invective.

Newly visible antisemitism may be part of a general search for identity in post-communist Eastern Europe, where people look to the past for models of the future.

In Slovakia, there has been a campaign to rehabilitate Jozef Tiso, the Catholic prelate who led the nation in 1939-45 and approved the deportation of some 80,000 Jews to Nazi concentration camps.

The postwar communist regime executed Tiso in 1947, accusing him of treason for having run a Nazi puppet state. But the Slovak Ministry of Education recently distributed schoolbooks glorifying Tiso as a Catholic and national hero, while belittling Jewish suffering. The book was supplemented by another, more balanced textbook only after Jews pub-

licly protested.

In Poland, radio station Maryja broadcasts antisemitic diatribes: callers urging voters to reject a Jewish presidential candidate or denouncing the government as being controlled by Jews. Also, for the first time, small extremist groups are explicitly looking to Nazism as a model.

Graffiti on a wall near the Nozyk synagogue in central Warsaw says: "Juden Raus" — Jews Out. Six-pointed Stars of David hanging off gallows are scrawled nearby. Jewish cemeteries are desecrated across the region, especially around Easter — but so are Christian cemeteries.

Katalin Demc, a worker at Bratislava's Jewish Museum, said she feared more frequent and violent outbreaks of antisemitism as Slovakia's political infighting gets worse.

But Jewish leaders are less worried about antisemitic manifestations, which they say can happen anywhere, than by officials' reluctance to condemn them.

"We need an open declaration that we're against this, that it's undemocratic," said Juraj Stern, the rector of Bratislava's Economic University and president of the local chapter of B'nai B'rith. So far, he said, the Slovak government hasn't done that. (AP)

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Dodgers tie for NL West lead with extra-inning win McGwire crashes 51st; Yankees trim Orioles' lead to 6 1/2

HOUSTON (AP) - Mike Piazza singled home the winning run in the 10th inning Sunday and the Los Angeles Dodgers moved back into a tie for first in the National League West...

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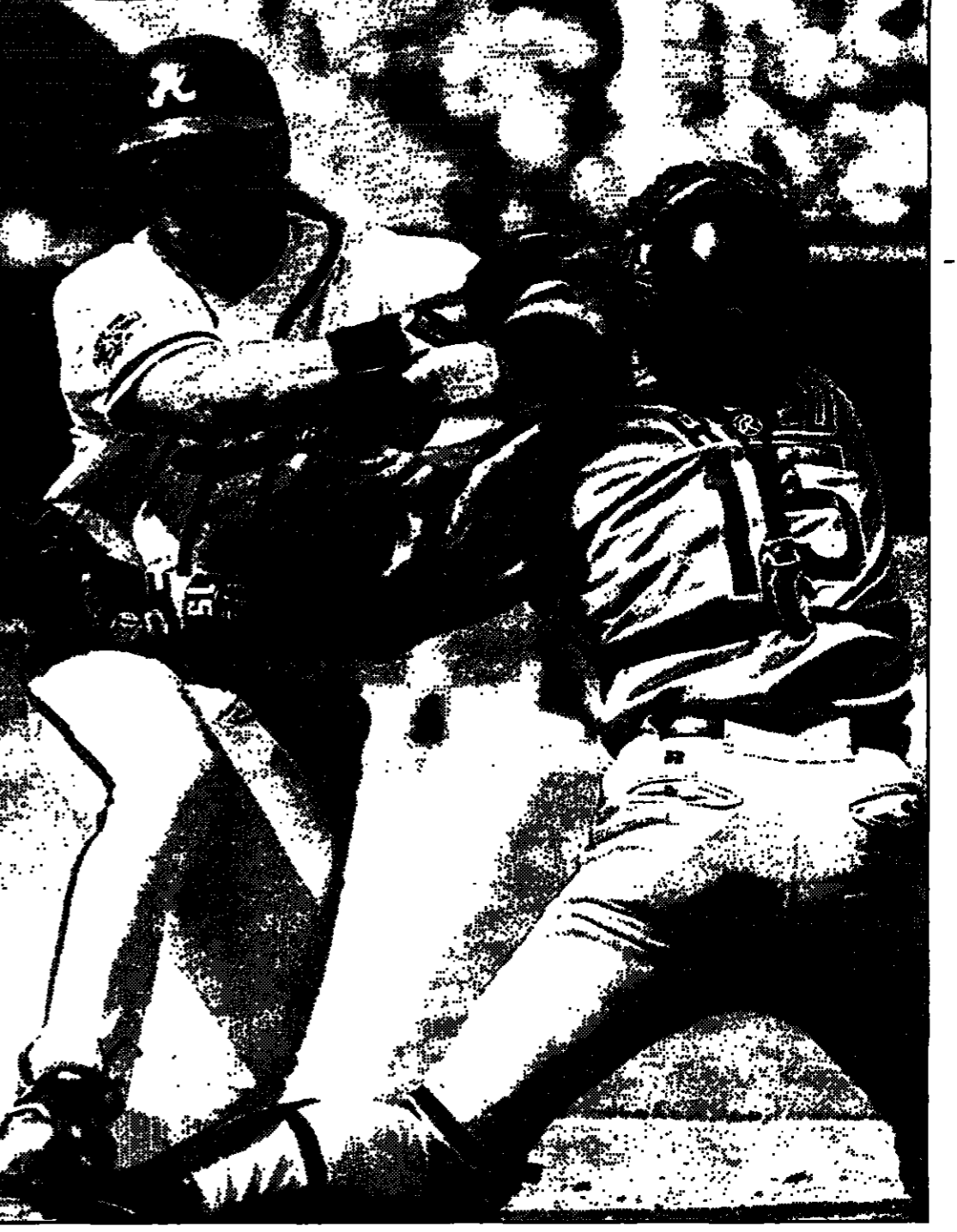
Cubs 3, Pirates 2 Mark Clark (13-7) gave up six hits in eight innings to win his sixth straight decision and lead visiting Chicago to its eighth win in 11 games...

Mike James (5-5) got the victory, with one strikeout in eighth. Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 25th save...

Turner Ward hit a tying pinch-hitter homer off Clark in the eighth, but the Cubs scored the go-ahead run in the ninth on pinch-hitter Lance Johnson's sacrifice fly off Rich Loeiselle...

David Segui, attempting to score in the ninth, crashed into catcher Todd Pratt as shortstop Rey Ordonez's relay throw arrived. Segui was called out by plate umpire Larry Vanover...

McGwire, the first player with consecutive 50-homer seasons since Babe Ruth in 1927-28, connected off Joe Hamilton (11-6) in the sixth. He has 17 homers in 37 games since St. Louis acquired...



CRASH LANDING - Braves' Ryan Klesko (1) is tagged out at homeplate by Rockies catcher Jeff Reed after trying to score on a single in seventh-inning action. Colorado won 4-0.

him from Oakland on July 31, and has 14 games remaining to chase Roger Maris' season record of 61. Tony Fossas (2-6) got three outs in the eighth inning for the victory...

Reds 6, Phillies 4 Jon Nunnally had three hits, scored two runs and came home on the front end of a double steal. Rookie Brett Tomko (11-6) allowed three runs - two earned - and six hits in 7 1/2 innings...

Ricardo Rincon (4-8) was the loser. Terry Adams pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Mets 1, Expos 0 A ninth-inning collision at home plate that led to three Montreal ejections overshadowed Dave Miltich (8-11), who allowed seven hits in 6 1/2 shutout innings...

Luis Lopez homered off Carlos Perez (12-11), his first since May 28, 1996, helping host New York remain 5 1/2 games behind Florida in the wild-card race. David Segui, attempting to score in the ninth, crashed into catcher Todd Pratt as shortstop Rey Ordonez's relay throw arrived...

Ken Griffey Jr. failed to homer for the seventh straight game since reaching 50. Seattle cut the magic number for winning the AL West to eight over Anaheim. Buhner's 36th home run came against Bill Rife (0-1), making his Major League Baseball appearance since September 29, 1996, because of shoulder surgery...

Chicago tied a major league record by using nine pitchers in the nine-inning game. Paul Shuey (4-1) pitched a scoreless seventh. Jeff Darwin (0-1) was the loser. Twins 11, Rangers 1 Red Sox 2, Brewers 1 Rookie Nomar Garciaparra hit his 29th homer and Buch Herz (7-2) allowed six hits in seven innings as Boston won on the road. Milwaukee has lost five straight and seven of eight...

Tom Gordon got three outs for his eighth save. Jose Mercedes (6-10) allowed both runs - both unearned - and four hits in seven innings. Twins 11, Rangers 1 Todd Walker hit a three-run homer that highlighted a six-run first and Minnesota, which had lost nine of 11, stopped host Texas' four-game winning streak...

Bobby Witt (11-11) retired only one batter, matching his shortest outing in a career spanning 336 starts. He allowed six runs and six hits. Dan Serafini (2-0) pitched seven scoreless innings in his second major league start. Tigers 6, Athletics 5 Scott Sanders (6-12) won consecutive starts for the first time this season, and Bob Hamelin and Tony Clark homered for visiting Detroit...

Todd Jones pitched the ninth to convert his 21st consecutive save chance, giving him 29 in 33 opportunities this season. He allowed a two-out RBI single to Tilson Brito, then struck out Miguel Tejada. Jimmy Haynes (3-4) gave up three runs and nine hits in 5 1/2 innings. Kamieniecki 9-4. HR - New York, Curtis (15).

Belcher, Service (7), Walker (8) and MacFarlane, L.Hill, James (8), Percival (9) and Turner, Kreuter (8). W - James 5-1. Service 0-1. SV - Percival (25). HR - Anaheim, Howell (1).

Colorado 000 000 000-4 10 1 Atlanta 000 000 000-0 4 1 Astacio, Dipoto (9) and Ja'Reed, Smoltz, Ligtner (9) and Lopez, W-Astacio, 11-9. L - Smoltz, 14-12. HR - Colorado, Vander Wal (1).

Montreal 000 000 000-0 7 0 New York 000 010 00x-1 3 0 C.Perez, Bennett (8) and Fletcher, Micki, McMichael (9) and Pratt, W-Micki, 8-11. L - C.Perez, 12-11. SV - McMichael (7). HR - New York, Lopez (1).

Chicago 002 000 001-3 7 1 Pittsburgh 010 000 010-2 6 4 M.Clark, L Adams (9) and Servais; Coakle, Sodowsky (7), M.Wilkins (8), Rincon (9), Loisele (9) and Osk, W-M.Clark, 13-7. L - Rincon, 4-8. SV - Adams (17). HR - Pittsburgh, Ward (4).

Cincinnati 000 400 101-6 9 2 Philadelphia 000 200 011-4 8 2 Tomko, Defina (8), Shaw (9) and Anderson; T.Green, Karp (7), Blazier (8), Rotalico (9) and To.Worrall (35). HR - Houston, Bagwell (39).

Los Angeles 000 200 010 1-4 7 0 Houston 200 000 010 0-3 6 1 Nomo, Dreifort (8), Radinsky (8), To.Worrall (10) and Piazza, Price (10); Holt, R.Springer (8), B.Wagner (9), Lima (10) and Anson; W-Radinsky, 5-1. L - B.Wagner 7-8. SV - To.Worrall (35). HR - Houston, Bagwell (39).

GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

'I do,' says Dudu



Topaz: headed for the 'huppa' (Yoni Hamenachem)

Television ratings king Dudu Topaz hasn't been as lucky in love as he has been in viewers' popularity polls...

deprived children a warm home means, among other things, attending that organization's major events.

PEOPLE of faith seem able to bounce back even after the most traumatic experiences.

ALTHOUGH the national ombudsman system, which originated in Sweden, has been around since 1809...

The problems they confront vary from country to country depending on the legal system...



Tuvia Tsafir removes the keffiyeh to take a swipe at David Levy. (Rafi Daloya)

our work," he says. "The mobilization of shame would not be possible without the cooperation of the media."

Of the 21 countries represented at the conference, a third were once part of Communist Europe.

BEING chairperson of a nationwide organization which works to give needy and emotionally

SEEN window-shopping last Friday in Tel Aviv's upmarket Kikar Hamedina was Lily Sharon...



Lily Sharon: just looking (Eliash Harari)

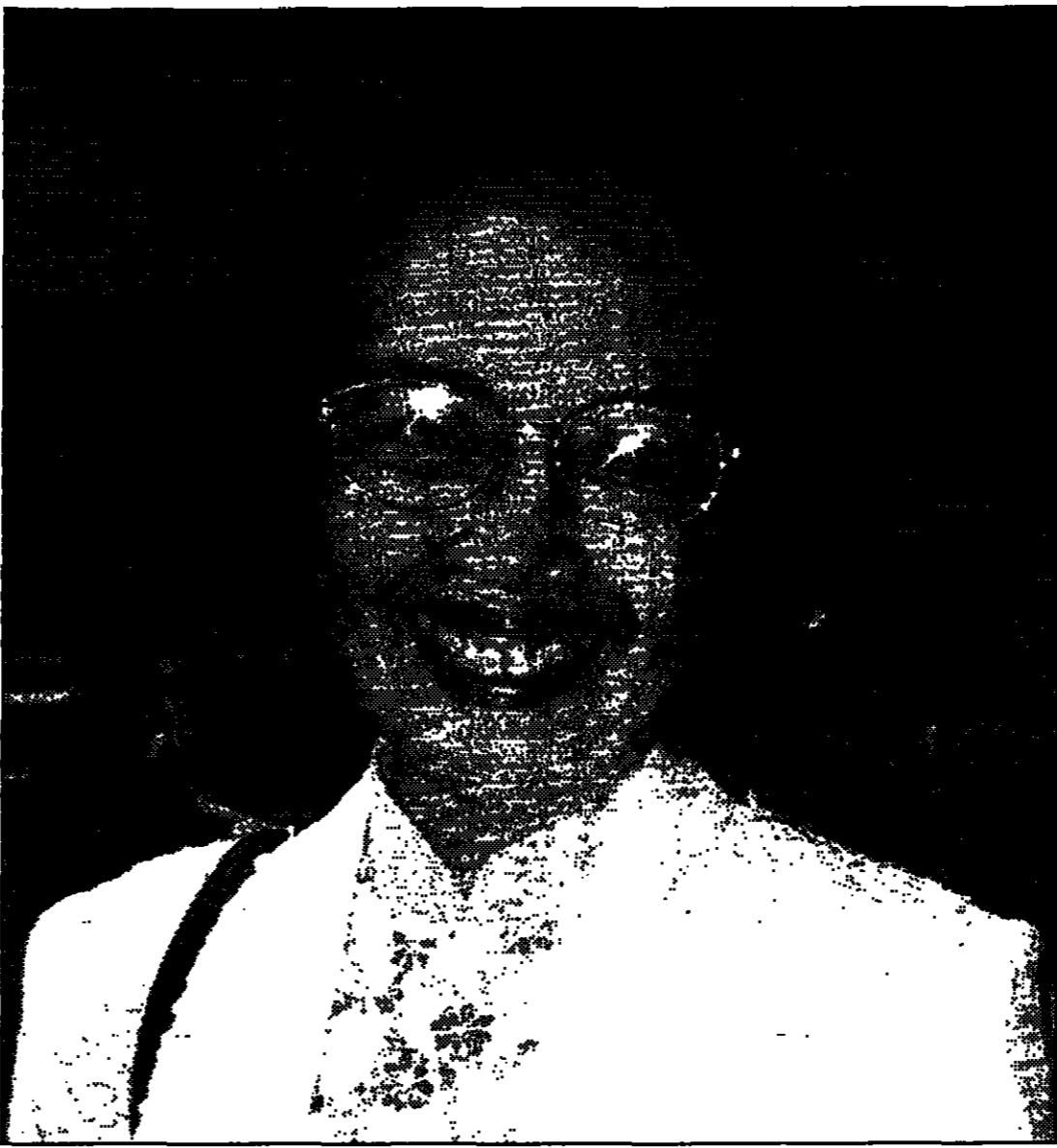
ELSEWHERE in Tel Aviv on Friday, a group of Tel Aviv socialites went wild at the showing at the Hilton of the colorful new Christian Lacroix collection...

IF Hillary Clinton visits Israel again, she won't be very happy when she sees the poster advertising Arik Einstein and Shemtov Levy's new CD...

YOU MIGHT think that the David Levy jokes belittling our foreign minister's intelligence would have gotten buried by now.

MAYBE the paparazzi are feeling guilty, or maybe they've just lost interest.

AFTER canceling a scheduled Paris concert in deference to Princess Diana, Michael Jackson, who was her personal friend, agreed to keep an engagement in Belgium.



North Vietnam's wartime radio star: 'It was the GIs who called me Hanoi Hannah.' (Reuters)

Hanoi Hannah recalls her wartime glory

By ADRIAN EDWARDS

Hanoi Hannah, the seductive radio siren of North Vietnamese wartime propaganda broadcasts to American GIs, is not about to have regrets about her past.

"It was the best time of my life," the elegant 67-year-old explains. "It was the spirit of the times. I was contributing something for my country."

Unlike her notorious World War Two counterparts, Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally — American women who were charged with treason — the real-life Hanoi Hannah, Trinh Thi Ngo, was decorated for her efforts by a victorious Hanoi with a 1st Class Resistance Medal and US Resistance award.

"I wish I could be back there, in Hanoi," she says, referring to her post-war life spent living in Saigon, the vanquished capital of South Vietnam, renamed after the war as Ho Chi Minh City.

Today, and despite an occasional career in TV, Hanoi Hannah is better known among Americans and foreign journalists than among her fellow compatriots.

Dear Ruthie, I am a married man with four children. I have been with most people would call happily married for 18 years.

she was inundated with interview requests from visiting correspondents, one of whom commented on her huge 'appearance' fees.

"We also translated military propaganda material from Vietnamese into English and tried to make it softer, not so aggressive," she says.

US VETERANS working in Hanoi say today that the broadcasts, with Hannah's 'talks' to GIs, were so exaggerated that no one viewed them as credible.

"She would say that thousands of Americans had been killed in some battle in an area near where we were," says a former field worker who served in the Mekong Delta.

Living a lie

Dear Ruthie, This man seems to adhere to a strict code of honesty when it comes to other people's lives, while maintaining a conventional marriage for the sake of his own public image.

levels, too, were just way beyond being believed." Nonetheless, Vietnamese share a determined confidence that Hanoi Hannah and the efforts of the media as a whole did help to turn the tide of American and world opinion against the war.

For related reasons, the communist country's leaders of today remain committed to the use of propaganda as a means of bolstering support and defeating peace-time enemies who might threaten their rule.

"These days they can't order us what to do, they can just remind us of what we're supposed to do," he said, cynically.

And what does Hanoi Hannah think of today's propaganda, a generation on from the war that made her name?

"I listen to Voice of America sometimes and the BBC every day," she says. "Any radio is propaganda in some way, whether it's well done or not. What I did?... It was wartime."

Your options, then, are to begin examining how all this affects your inner existence, and your public self.

Boxed in

Once upon a time, moving was a breeze. When one is young, single, footloose and fancy free, the process of hopping from dorm room to a rented room in a shared house, to one's own apartment is simple and painless.

Experience teaches me that no matter how dedicated you are to settling in, you are always stuck with rogue boxes — ones that stayed unpacked during your last move and get moved again, fully intact.

Home Front



Allison Kaplan Sommer

Then, suddenly, those days are over. For me, the turning point came the afternoon I bought a bed and two sofas. While acquiring these items was truly gratifying, the act changed my life profoundly.

They do not use or wear frequently is assiduously given away or mercifully thrown out. The advantage of this approach is having a clean, neat, well-organized home whose residents can actually find what they are looking for.

Other than eat, sleep and work, I've spent the past month in the company of cardboard.

of appliances, and endless, endless stacks of cartons. Friends ask me where I've been lately. I reply, "In my boxes."

In one respect, I am very lucky. My move took me from a midsize apartment to a rather spacious cottage — so I hold out some hope of actually finding a place to put everything, even if I never get around to making those scrapbooks.

Book department advertisement for 'Beautiful Plants of the Bible' and '300 Wild Flowers of Israel'.

Order form for the book department, including contact information and shipping details.

Advertisement for 'In these times you cannot AFFORD to be without THE JERUSALEM POST'.

Opposition Move into Ras al-Amud will lead to bloodshed

CRITICS' CHOICE

THEATER HELEN KAYE Israeli playwright Hanoch Levin has never taken a terribly positive attitude to our life here...



TELEVISION ELANA CHIPMAN

In keeping with the worldwide proliferation of cooking shows and infatuation with yuppie lifestyle, Channel 1 is jumping on the bandwagon...

Cooking up a storm: 'Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil' airs at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 1. tional terms, the BBC-produced film, directed with frankness and affection by Richard Spence...

FILM ADINA HOFFMAN

*** DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS - This small, sweet comic drama is as notable for what it isn't as for what it is.

TV

CHANNEL 1 6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Good Morning Israel

CHANNEL 2 18:00 Pink Panther 18:25 Super Ben 18:30 Dennis and Gasher

CHANNEL 3 18:00 News flash 18:01 News in Arabic 18:05 Good Morning Israel

CHANNEL 4 11:30 Final Exams (Hebrew, 1993) - a teenage couple decide they are old enough to have sex.

CHANNEL 5 6:00 TV Shop 6:30 Today's Choice 14:00 Basic Training

CHANNEL 6 6:00 News flash 6:01 News in Arabic 6:05 Good Morning Israel

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PRIME TIME TV

Table with 6 columns (1-6) and 6 rows (1-6) listing TV programs and their times.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Give voice about the Left, being absolutely fair (8) 5 Fast horses (6) 9 Progressive person calling for military force no longer (8) 10 Found note in box (6) 12 Shut up and write (6) 13 Ben's mate is bent—not on the level (8) 15 They say it's obsolete coinage (7) 16 Most important deal arranged (4) 20 Not all allow entrance to man (4) 21 Twist the German after tight start (7) 25 No severe get-up for an artist (8)

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Author (6) 4 Measure heaviness (5) 8 Failing (5) 9 Determinate (7) 11 Manage (4) 12 Very warm (3) 14 Norwegian capital (4) 15 Cure (4) 18 Regret (3) 21 Confederates (4) 23 Sublime (7) 25 Odd (7) 26 Big cat (5) 27 Female relation (5) 28 Grab (6)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution: ACROSS: 1 Bear, 8 Ardennes, 9 Gamut, 10 Chinwang, 11 New, 12 Beekoper, 14 Pexial, 16 Stipula, 18 Oberwies, 20 Rob, 22 Opulent, 23 Sally, 26 Elephant, 28 Bear. DOWN: 1 Begun, 2 Ram, 4 Booklet, 5 Evident, 6 Newspaper, 7 Begared, 8 Staff, 12 Warehouse, 14 Promote, 15 Sweeney, 17 Kitten, 19 Base, 21 Buyer, 24 Lot.

